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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP01/05421 which has an International filing date of June 25, 2001, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.

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# REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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